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Amendments to the Claims:

1. through 27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A keypad layout for a hand-held electronic device comprising:

a plurality of keys configured for data entry of numbers and symbols of a Romanized Chinese phonetic alphabet, each key representing at least one syllable initial symbol of a syllable initial symbol group or at least one syllable semi-initial symbol of a syllable semi-initial symbol group of the Romanized Chinese phonetic alphabet.

29. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 28, wherein the plurality of keys includes keys "1" through "9", "0", "*" and "#".

30. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 28, wherein all keys representing syllable initial symbols are grouped separate from all keys representing syllable semi-initial symbols.

31. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 30, wherein one key of the plurality of keys is solely designated for semi-initial symbols.

32. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the plurality of keys represents syllable final symbols of a syllable final symbol group.

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33. (Previously Presented) A keypad layout for a hand-held electronic device comprising:

a plurality of nine keys arranged in three rows by three columns and configured for data entry of a Romanized Chinese phonetic alphabet, each key representing two syllable initial symbols of a syllable initial symbol group of the Romanized Chinese phonetic alphabet.

34. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 33, further comprising a key representing two syllable initial symbols of the Romanized Chinese phonetic alphabet and a key representing one syllable initial symbol of the Romanized Chinese phonetic alphabet.

35. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 33, further comprising a key representing at least one syllable semi-initial symbol of a syllable semi-initial symbol group and at least one independent symbol of an independent symbol group.

36. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 33, wherein at least a portion of the plurality of keys represents syllable final symbols of a syllable final symbol group.

37. (Previously Presented) The keypad of claim 33, wherein the plurality of nine keys represent keys "1" through "9".

38. through 43. (Canceled)